
Health Scrutiny Committee

12 June 2006

Report of the Head of Civic, Democratic and Legal Services

Health Scrutiny Support Programme

Summary

1. This report is to ask members to agree to take part in the Health Scrutiny Support Programme

Background

2. The Centre for Public Scrutiny is running a Department of Health funded support programme for the 150 health overview and scrutiny committees of social services authorities. Details can be found in the promotional leaflet (Annex A)
3. In City of York Council was accepted onto Phase 1 of the Scheme which finished in April 2006. Unfortunately members did not have the opportunity to benefit from any of the training days due to our advisor being located in Wales and the impending changes to the Scrutiny Committees.
4. There is now the opportunity to take part in Phase 2 of the scheme, with an advisor from the local area.

Options

5. Members should consider the kind of support they would like to receive from their advisor. A draft request form is attached at Annex B.

Analysis

6. This scheme will provide free advice and support, which will be especially beneficial after recent changes to the Committee.

Implications

7. There are no known Financial, HR, Equalities, Legal, Crime and Disorder, IT or other implications at this stage.

Risk Management

8. In compliance with the Councils risk management strategy. There are no risks associated with the recommendations of this report.

Recommendations

9. Members are asked to agree to accept the five days free support from the Health Scrutiny Support Programme.
10. Members are asked to agree the support needed and recommend days when they would like this to take place.

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All

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Annexes

Annex A – Health Scrutiny Support Programme Leaflet
Annex B – Health Scrutiny Support Programme Advisor Request

Background Papers

None